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# MINUTES, &c.

## THYATIRA CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY, N. C.

THURSDAY; April 21, 1853.—11 o'clock, A. M.

The Presbytery of Concord met according to adjournment, and was opened by a sermon by the Moderator, Rev. T. N. Paxton, from Heb. xiii. 16. "But to do good, and to communicate, forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

Constituted with prayer.

PRESENT:

*Ministers*—Rev. Messrs. W. S. Pharr, R. H. Morrison, D. D., S. Williamson, D. D., S. Frontis, C. Johnston, H. N. Pharr, D. A. Penick, J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, S. B. O. Wilson, H. B. Cunningham, A. Baker, J. E. McPherson, W. C. Sutton, R. N. Davis, T. N. Paxton, R. H. Lafferty, S. C. Pharr, P. H. Dalton, P. T. Penick, and B. L. Beall.

*Ruling Elders*—Messrs. R. I. McDowell, Dan Alexander, S. Nye Hutchison, Abner Morrison, David White, Daniel Coleman, J. W. Reid, Milton Roseboro, F. L. Monteith, D. A. Davis, John N. Lowrance, Angus McDugan, E. C. Barnet, S. R. Bell, W. Maxwell, R. C. Wilson, James Hill, J. C. Ford, James Harper, John M. Lowrance, James G. Gray, James F. Bell, I. Cannon, Wm. Patterson, and Alexander Lowrance.

ABSENT:

Rev. Messrs. Gilbert Morgan, A. L. Watts, D. Lindley, Thos. P. Johnston, Wm. N. Morrison, E. F. Rockwell, W. W. Pharr, Geo. M. Gibbs, T. E. Davis, and Wm, C. Sheetz.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. S. C. Pharr for Moderator, and Rev. P. H Dalton, and Mr. S. Nye Hutchison for temporary clerks. The Moderator elect was then inducted into office by reading to him the Rules.

Presbytery took a recess of 30 minutes. After recess,

Presbytery met. Mr. Lebetius Gaither, ruling elder from Tabor church, appeared in Presbytery, and took his seat as a member.

The minutes of the last meeting of Presbytery were read: and absentees from said meeting being called on for their reasons for absence, assigned them, which were sustained.

Those appointed at the last meeting to do missionary work were called on for their report as to the fulfilment of these appointments; when Rev. Messrs. H. N. Pharr, P. H. Dalton, P. T. Penick, and T. E. McPherson reported they had filled the appointments assigned

them: and Rev. Messrs. W. S. Pharr, H. H. Morrison, D. D., S. Frontis, C. Johnston, D. A. Penick, H. B. Cunningham, A. Baker, J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, R. N. Davis, R. H. Lafferty, S. C. Pharr, and B. L. Beall, reported that they had failed to fulfill the appointments assigned them.

Rev. Jesse Rankin, a member of Orange Presbytery being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The Treasurer of Presbytery made a statement in relation to the funds on hand: Whereupon it was *Resolved*, That each member pay $1.00 into the Contingent Fund.

Mr. Robert Agnew, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Charleston, was received on certificate under the care of this Presbytery.

A petition was received and read from members of Salem church living in Taylorsville and vicinity, asking Presbytery to organize a church in their village. The prayer of these petitioners was granted: and Rev. Messrs. H. N. Pharr, B. L. Beall, and Mr. Abner Morrison, Ruling Elder, were appointed a committee to organize this church before the next meeting of Presbytery.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock to hand in sessional reports.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 2 o'clock, P. M., to hear the report of the committee on Domestic Missions.

A paper was received from the session of Philadelphia church containing a charge against Mr. John W. Davis, a Ruling Elder in said church, and referring the same to Presbytery for final adjudication.

This paper was referred to a judical committee consisting of the following members, viz: Rev. Messrs. R. H. Morrison, D. D., H. N. Pharr, C. Johnston, and Messrs. R. I. McDowell, and D. Colman.

Papers were received and read from the members of the sessions of the churches of Sharon and Providence in regard to Mr. James C. Kennedy, a blind young man, who wishes to place himself under the care of this Presbytery as a candidate for the holy ministry. These papers testify to Mr. Kennedy's ardent piety, strong desire to preach the gospel, remarkable proficiency, and promising prospects; and recommend him to the favorable notice of Presbytery. It was resolved that the case be taken up to-morrow after the handing in of sessional reports.

Calls from the churches of Ebenezer and Hiwassee for the pastoral services of Mr. Wm. S. Moore were read; and then further consideration was postponed until to-morrow.

The following committees were announced:

*Devotional Exercises*—Rev. Messrs. S. Frontis, S. B. O. Wilson, and Mr. Wm. Maxwell.

*On the Narative*—Rev. B. L. Beall, Rev. P. T. Penick, and Mr. D. A. Davis.

*On Supplies*—Rev. T. N. Paxton, H. B. Cunningham, Mr. Ibzon Cannon, and Mr. Dan Alexander.

*On the Minutes of Synod*—Rev. S. Williamson, D. D., Rev. W. S. Pharr, and Mr. James W. Reid.

It was *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to collect all the standing rules of Presbytery that are in the present vol. of records, and prepare any additiitional rules that may be necessary, with the view of having them recorded in some separate place in the Book of Records convenient for reference.

Rev. Messrs. R. H. Lafferty, C. Johnston, and Mr. S. Nye Hutchinson, were appointed this committee.

Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, April 22, 1853—9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected. Rev. Messrs. W. W. Pharr, and W. C. Sheetz, appeared in Presbytery, and having rendered satisfactory reasons for their late attendance took their seats. Mr. E. J. Erwin, ruling elder from Morganton, appeared in Presbytery and took his seat as a member.

Rev. Mr. Ingold, of the German Reformed church being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Rev. M. T. Allen laid before Presbytery a letter of dismission from the Presbytery of Orange, whereupon he was examined in the usual way, and received as a member of this Presbytery.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell appeared in Presbytery, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and took his seat.

The order of the day was taken up: viz: handing in sessional reports. It was.

*Resolved*, That it be a standing rule of this Presbytery, that all church sessions, which fail to hand in a statistical report at the spring meeting of Presbytery, send their report to the stated clerk, as soon after as possible.

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the session house.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The order of the day was taken up, viz: the case of Mr. James C. Kennedy. After some discussion his case was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. C. Johnston, R. H. Lafferty, and T. N. Paxton. This committee was requested to report to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The Judicial committee presented their report on the reference

from the session of Philadelphia church which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

A reference from the church session of Philadelphia having been committed to the Judicial committee, and the facts in the case having been examined, the following Report is respectfully presented:

The charge against Mr. Davis, a ruling elder of said church is, an open violation of a written Pledge to abstain from all use of ardent spirits, and to discourage the use of them in others. Mr. Davis admitted before the session that he told his son that his own hands were tied by the Temperance Pledge, thus acknowledging its obligation. That the father told his son that he might procure spirits to be used at his own house and in his presence.

This the committee cannot but regard as a violation of his own obligations voluntarily assumed. This violation we regard as not the less aggravated by the fact that his own child was made the instrument of its perpetration.

It is presumed that no Temperance associations in the country expect or desire men to continue in connexion with them longer than they wish. But while they do continue under their obligations, the world expects, and the church has a right to expect, an honest observance of written pledges.

We therefore think that a christian spirit should prompt Mr. Davis candidly to acknowledge his fault. We recommend that the case be sent back to the session with the advice that when Mr. Davis makes satisfactory acknowledgments to the session, that he be restored to fair standing.

The committee on Devotional Exercises presented their report which was accepted, and is as follows: The committee on Devotional Exercises beg leave to present the following report, viz: That said religious exercises take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the following order.

1st. Psalmody by the Rev. W. S. Pharr.
2d Prayer by the Rev. W. W. Pharr.
3d. Reading a portion of scripture by Rev. R. H. Lafferty.
4th. Address by Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D.
5th Prayer by Rev. S. Williamson, D. D.
6th. Doxology and Benediction by the Moderator.

S. FRONTIS,
S. B. O. WILSON, } *Committee.*
WM. MAXWELL,

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of Synod, presented their report, which was accepted, and is as follows, viz: The committee to examine the minutes of the Synod of North Car-

olina, report that they have attended to the duty assigned, and find nothing demanding any action of the Presbytery.

Signed, S. WILLIAMSON.
WALTER S. PHARR.

Messrs. D. A. Davis, and E. J. Erwin, were appointed a committee on finance.

The account of the Treasurer of the committee of Domestic Missions was referred to the financial committee.

The several committees appointed to examine the sessional records made their reports, all which were accepted, and adopted and the exceptions entered in the books to which exceptions were taken.

Presbytery took a recess of 30 minutes. After recess,

Presbytery met. It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., to hear the report of the agent for Foreign Missions.

It was *Resolved*, That this Presbytery require each minister and session to accompany their statistical report with a narrative of the state of religion in each church in writing.

Presbytery proceeded to the election of commissioners to the General Assembly, which resulted in the choice of Rev. Messrs. J. E. Morrison and Rev. S. C. Pharr. Ruling Elders—Messrs. D. Coleman and R. I. McDowell, Principals. Rev. P. T. Penick, Rev. P. A. Dalton, Messrs. S. N. Hutchison and A. B. Davidson, alternates.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M. to hear the report of the agent for the Board of Publication.

It was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M. to hear the report of the committee on the establishment of a Female Seminary.

The church of Hendersonville recently organized was taken under the care of Presbytery, and enrolled.

The churches of Monroe, Fairfield, and Hendersonville were each assessed $2 for commissioner's fund.

The order of the day was suspended, viz: the report of commiittee on Domestic Missions; and Presbytery proceeded to a free conversation on the state of religion in the churches.

The financial committee presented their report on the accounts of the Treasurer of the committee on Domestic Missions, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows, viz:

We have examined the foregoing account of E. F. Rockwell, Treasurer of committee of Domestic Missions; the charges are sustained by proper vouchers, and we find a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of Eight Hundred and eighty six 28-100 dollars ($886 28.) In addition to this sum $404 have been formed to the parent Board, Philadelphia, and placed to our credit.

Signed, E. J. ERWIN, } *Committee.*
D. A. DAVIS, }

Rev. A. Baker, Rev. H. B. Cunningham, and Mr. D. Coleman, were appointed a committee to nominate Trustees for Davidson College, in place of those whose term expires at this time.

It was resolved that Presbytery will hold its next semi-annual meeting in the town of Asheville, on Thursday preceding the 1st Sabbath in September, at 7 o'clock. P. M.

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the church. After recess,

Presbytery met and proceeded to hear the report of the committee of Domestic Missions, which was accepted and is as follows, viz:

The Committee of Domestic Missions respectfully report to Presbytery, that during the year Four Missionaries have been employed within our bounds.

1st. Rev. W. C. Sutton has labored one third of his time in the county of Anson, preaching statedly at Lebanon church, and occasionally at a School House some 7 or 8 miles from that church. The other two thirds of his time, is given to churches within the bounds of Harmony Presbytery in South Carolina. The church of Lebanon contributes to his support about $75 for the year. The other churches in Harmony Presbytery about $150, Mr. Sutton receives from the Board $100.

The prospect is therefore not very promising that the portion of this missionary field within our bounds will soon be able to support the gospel. Two additions to the church of Lebanon are reported, an increased attention to the means of grace, and an interesting class for Bible instruction.

2d. Rev. Thos. N. Paxton has laboured during the year in McDowell county—giving most of his time to the churches of Marion and Siloam preaching occasionally at Drusilla church, and other destitute places.

This is a difficult and very important field of Missionary labor. Although Mr. Paxton has been zealous and faithful in preaching the truth, and in giving Sabbath School and catechetical instruction, he mourns over the fact that but few have been added to the church.

The people have contributed about $230 during the year towards his support. He receives $100 from the Board. Unless the Spirit of God should open the hearts of those who are able to give in this field, the day is distant when they will sustain the gospel without aid. And yet when it is remembered how much has been done for those churches, how important are their relations to an interesting portion of country, and that a few are liberal and very anxious to have the ministrations of the gospel, it would not seem to be right to surrender the field.

The congregation of Siloam are building a new church which they expect to complete during the next summer.

3d. The Rev. M. T. Allen has labored during the year at Asheville, Swannanoe, and Rheim's creek churches in Buncombe county. Owing to repeated disappointments and long destitutions, the state of things in this field seemed to be dark and unpromising when the Missionary entered it. His labors have been very zealous and untiring, and seem, with the blessing of God, to have been crowned with signal success. Seventy one persons have been added to these churches, and to one lately organized by him in Hendersonville. Some of these additions have been by the return of members from the New School Church, who had formerly been in our connexion. The number of hopeful conversions reported is 53 or 54. A new church has been formed at Hendersonville, and part of his labors are now given to that place. Three Sabbath Schools have been organized. The cause of Temperance has been greatly advanced. In family worship, observance of the Sabbath, and attendance on the means of grace, changes are reported which demand grateful notice, and which promise a more devoted tone of piety.

The different churches to which Mr. Allen preaches have promised towards his support about $400. He receives from the Board $100.

4th. Since the month of July last, Mr. W. S. Moore has labored as Missionary to the church of Ebenezer in Macon county, and the church of Hiwassee in Cherokee county.

This is a field in which the Presbytery has aided in sustaining the gospel for 10 years.

Previous to Mr. Moore's engagement with them, these churches had contributed but little to help themselves. In July, the corresponding Secretary wrote a kind and faithful letter, urging their duty to make more liberal efforts to sustain the gospel and to seek as soon as possible to become self-sustaining churches. We have been gratified to learn that these admonitions were kindly received, and increased contributions made to help themselves.

It may be proper farther to state that the attention of the committee has been anxiously directed to Wadesboro, in Anson county, and Monroe, in Union county. In May, 1852, we procured a commission for Mr. T. W. Erwin for $200 a year to these places. After laboring about two months in this field, to the regret of the committee, he felt called to leave it. After repeated efforts to obtain another Missionary to Wadesboro, we are compelled to report it still as a destitute and important place to be occupied.

Other places might be found all around us demanding Missionary labors—but the men we cannot find.

*The Harvest is great; but the laborers are few.*

And while to the minds of the few whom God is disposing to

seek his Holy work, stronger and more availing inducements are presented from other quarters, it becomes an inquiry of overwhelming interest to our churches, what is to become of us even in this fair land if the Lord in judgment should remove our Teachers

Presbytery proceeded to the order of the day, viz; Devotional Exercises.

Mr. Wm. Maxwell obtained leave of absence after this evening. Presbytery adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock with prayer.

SATURDAY; April 23, 1853.—9 o'clock, A. M.

Presbytery met according to adjournment was opened with prayer. The minutes of yesterday were read and corrected. Messrs. R. I. McDowell, S. Nye Hutchison, and David White obtained leave of absence after the session of this morning.

Rev. D. A. Penick, Mr. J. C. Ford, Mr. L. Gaither, Mr. D. Coleman, Rev. W. S. Pharr, and Rev. S. Williamson had leave of absence after this morning.

The committee appointed to consider the case of Mr. J. C. Kennedy presented their report, which was accepted, and laid on the table; and the whole matter was referred to a new committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. D. A. Penick, P. T. Penick, S. C. Pharr, and Mr. S. Nye Hutchison. This committee was instructed to report to the next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery.

Rev. A. L. Watts appeared in Presbytery, and having assigned satisfactory reasons for tardiness took his seat.

The committee on supplies presented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz:

The committee on supplies report the following appointments:

Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D. spend one Sabbath at Olney.

Rev. S. Frontis one Sabbath at Bethany, to administer the Lord's Supper.

Rev. C. Johnston one Sabbath at Wadesboro.

Rev. Messrs. H. N. Pharr, and W. C. Sheetz, one Sabbath at Lenoir to administer the Lord's Supper.

Rev. D. A. Penick one Sabbath at Monroe.

Rev. J. D. Hall one Sabbath at Olney.

Rev. S. B. O. Wilson one Sabbath at Tabor, to administer the Lord's Supper.

Rev. H. B. Cunningham one Sabbath at discretion.

Rev. A. Baker one Sabbath at Lenoir.

Rev. E. F. Rockwell one Sabbath at discretion.

Rev. J. E. McPherson one Sabbath at discretion.

Rev. W. W. Pharr one Sabbath at Wadesboro.

Rev. Messrs. R. N. Davis, and P. T. Penick, one Sabbath at Eb-

enezer, and one at Hiwassee to administer the Lord's Supper at each place.

Rev. R. H. Lafferty one Sabbath at Drusilla.

Rev. P. H. Dalton one Sabbath at Lenoir.

Rev. Messrs. S. Williamson, D. A. Penick, and E. F. Rockwell, each one Sabbath at Concord Town, in the absence of the Pastor to the General Assembly.

Rev. Messrs. W. S. Pharr, and R. H. Lafferty, each one Sabbath in the church of Sharon, during the absence of the Pastor to the Gen. Assembly.

Rev. A. L. Watts one Sabbath in Providence in the absence of the Pastor to the General Assembly.

Presbytery took a recess of 30 minutes to meet in the session house. After recess,

Presbytery met. Mr. B. S. Krider, a member of the church of Third Creek, was introduced to Presbytery, and asked to be taken under its care as a candidate for the Holy Ministry. He was examined on experimental religion, and his reasons for desiring to enter the ministry; whereupon he was received under our care as a candidate for the ministry. Mr. Krider had assigned the following subjects as parts of trial preparatory to licensure, viz:

Latin Exegesis—"An Spiritus sanctus verus est Deus?"

Critical exercise the 110th Psalm: Lecture—126th Psalm:

Popular Sermon—John iii, 16 verse.

The committee appointed to nominate Trustees for Davidson College to serve for the next four years, presented their report, which was accepted and adopted and is as follows, viz: The committee recommend the following persons as Trustees for Davidson College:

Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D., Rev. P. H. Dalton, Rev. H. N. Pharr, Rev. W. W. Pharr, Rev. S. Williamson, D. D., Messrs. T. A. Allison, R. I. McDowell, D. A. Davis, and A. B. Davidson.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

*Resolved*, That it shall be a standing rule of this Presbytery, that our commissioners to the General Assembly shall be required to report to the Presbytery at its fall meeting the amount of their expenses to the Assembly, and the Treasurer of Presbytery shall settle with them the amount of their expenses.

A call from the congregation of Back Creek for the pastoral services of Mr. Robert Agnew was read, and being in order, was placed in his hands for consideration.

The calls presented from the congregation of Ebenezer, and Hiwassee, for the pastoral services of Mr. W. S. Moore were taken up, read and placed in his hands: whereupon he asked permission to hold these calls until the next meeting of Presbytery. This request was granted.

The name of Fairfield Church was changed to that of Lenoir.

Presbytery took a recess of 5 minutes to meet in the church.

After recess.

Presbytery met. The subject of establishing a Female Seminary was taken up. The minutes of last meeting in reference to this matter were read, after which the committee made their report, which was accepted.

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, 1st. That it is expedient, and practicable that this Presbytery do establish a Literary Institution for the education of females within our bounds.

*Resolved*, 2d. That Presbytery will now fix the location of this Seminary.

*Resolved*, 3d. That Presbytery now proceed to elect 12 Trustees (six ministers and six Ruling Elders) for the Female Seminary, whose duty it shall be to receive money, select the site, erect suitable buildings, secure a Church, make by-laws, and secure funds for the endowment of the institution, and report semi-annually to the Presbytery.

Presbytery proceeded to select the location for the Seminary, whereupon the roll being called it was determined by a large majority that it be placed at Statesville.

Under the 3d. resolution the following Trustees were elected, viz: Rev. S. B. O. Wilson, P. H. Dalton, B. L. Beall, H. N. Pharr, W. W. Pharr, E. F. Rockwell, and Messrs. Samuel R. Bell, Thos. A. Allison, Thos. H. McRorie, H. R. Hall, W. F. Cowan, and W. B. Wood.

The Stated clerk presented an account of $1.00. The Treasurer was ordered to pay the amount.

Mr. R. Agnew signified his acceptance of the call placed in his hands: Whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That Presbytery will hold an adjoined meeting in the church of Back Creek on Wednesday, Aug. 3d, 1853, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Agnew if the way be clear. Mr. Agnew was directed to prepare a sermon on Rom. viii, 28, as a part of trial for ordination. Rev. S. B. O. Wilson was appointed to preach the ordination sermon, Rev. S. Williamson, D. D., to preside, propose the constitutional questions, offer the ordination prayer, and deliver the charge to the pastor, and the Rev. P. H. Dalton to deliver the charge to the congregation.

Rev. J. E. Morrison obtained leave of absence from the remaining sessions of Presbytery.

The Agent of Presbytery for Foreign Missions made his report which was accepted and is as follows, viz:

Your Agent on Foreign Missions would respectfully report the

following as the state of the funds which came into his hands during the year ending April, 1853.

Contributions have been made by 31 churches as follows:

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| Salem church, | $7 08 |
| Bethpage, | 7 00 |
| Poplar Tent, | 23 00 |
| Michpelah, | 17 00 |
| Bethel church, | 12 70 |
| Morganton, | 11 00 |
| Concord, | 27 00 |
| Hopewell and Paw Creek, | 15 00 |
| Marion, | 16 00 |
| Siloam, | 6 50 |
| Salem, | 29 00 |
| Wilkesborough, | 4 72½ |
| Charlotte, | 90 00 |
| Sugar Creek, | 53 00 |
| Mallard Creek, | 35 50 |
| Salisbury, | 50 00 |
| Statesville and Bethesda, | 31 00 |
| Centre, | 16 00 |
| Salem, | 9 75 |
| Wilkesborough, | 3 00 |
| Servant's Catechism Class of Taylorsville, | 1 18 |
| Rocky River church, | 61 62½ |
| Mallard Creek, | 4 75 |
| Ramah, | 16 50 |
| Philadelphia, | 6 00 |
| Unity, | 6 70 |
| Providence, | 32 80 |
| Sharon, | 26 30 |
| Unity, | 37 75 |
| Concord. | 20 00 |
| Bethpage, | 13 00 |
| | $674 75½ |

which makes six hundred and seventy four Dollars and seventy five cents—of this your agent has forwarded $300 in checks which leaves in his hands $374.75

Paid for checks 3.00

Amount, $371.75

The amount that was placed in the hands of your agent by his predecessor was $338.31 cts. This sum was forwarded, 1st of May, 1852. Paid for check $3.35 cts. leaving $334.96 cts.

The whole amount sent on to the Treasurer of the Board during the past year was $334.96

300.00

$634.96

And the whole amount contributed the past year, is $1006.71.

The following churches have failed during the year to give any thing to the cause of Foreign Missions, viz: Asheville, Joppa, Goshen Fifth Cr'k, New-Hope, Olney, Burnsville, Rheims Cr'k, Swannanoe, Ebenezer, Franklin, Rutherfordton, Lincolnton, Long Cr'k, Little Britain, Duncan's Creek, Prospect, Shiloh, Bethany, Tabor and Drusilla—21.

The Agent on Publication made his report, which was accepted.

It was *Resolved*, That Presbytery will pay the Stated Clerk for his services $25.00 per annum."

The committee appointed to prepare a narrative on the state of religion within our bounds, presented their report, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly, and is as follows:

The reports of the different churches within our bounds, give ample evidence of orderly deportment—faithfulness in our ministry—attention on the part of the people to the means of grace; but it is too apparent at the same time from the frequent recurrence of the word "as usual"—that a state of formality and lukewarmness prevails to an alarming extent in many parts of our Zion.

From the following facts, however, we are encouraged to hope that the times of refreshing will soon come from the presence of the Lord: when the "North and the South wind shall blow upon his garden, and the sweet spices shall flow out."

1st. In some of the churches there have been several additions on examination, especially have our Missionary fields been favored. 73 persons have been reported by one of our Missionaries as having passed from death unto life in the last year.

2d. There has been an advance in the contributions of the churches, to the different boards, and especially to the boards of Domestic and Foreign Missions, giving evidence that our people are beginning to feel that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

3d. In many of the churches the Sabbath School, the Bible Class, the weekly prayer meeting, and the monthly concert are regularly enjoyed, and observed, spreading their benign influence, as we trust, over the minds of our youth, and preparing the way for future happy developments.

4th It is further evident that our ministers attend generally to the instruction of the colored people—both by preaching and catechetical instruction. These, together with the fact, that the cause of Temperance is sustaining its ground, if not in the ascendant, furnish pleasing evidences of divine favor, and that the Holy Spirit is still in the churches.

(Signed) A. BAKER, *Chairman of Committee.*

It was *Resolved*, That 1000 copies of the present sessions of Presbytery be published.

It was *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Presbytery be tendered to the people of Thyatira congregation, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained its members during the sessions of this body.

Presbytery adjourned, to meet at Back Creek Church, on Wednesday, Aug. 3d, 1853, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Closed with prayer and the Apostolic benediction.

R. H. LAFFERTY, *Stated Clerk.*

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF PRESBYTERY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Presbytery of Concord report to the General Assembly, that they consist of 32 Ministers ; and have under their care 61 Churches, 4 Licentiates, and 3 Candidates, viz :

| MINISTERS, LICENTIATES, AND CANDIDATES. | CHURCHES. | POST OFFICE. | COMMUNICANTS | | | | BAPTI'D | | | FUNDS COLLECTED. | | | | | | |
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| | | | Added on Examinat'n. | Added on Certificate. | Colored Communicants. | Total of Communicants. | Adults. | Infants. | Whole No. of Families in Congregns. | Domestic Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Education. | Publication. | Presbyterial. | Congregational. | Miscellane'us |
| Walter S. Pharr, P. | Mallard Creek, P., and Ramah, S. S | Parks's Store, N. C. | 5 | 2 | 17 | 296 | | 10 | 64 | $41 | $56 | | | $11 | $98 | |
| R. H. Morrison, D.D., S. S. | Unity (Lincoln co.,) and Machpelah, S. S. | Cottage Home, N. C. | 3 | 4 | 3 | 93 | 1 | 7 | 45 | 55 | 55 | $25 | | 12 | 190 | $104 |
| S. Williamson, D. D., Pres. and P. | College Church, P. | Davidson Coll., N. C. | 2 | 3 | 7 | 28 | | 3 | 8 | 10 | 17 | | | 6 | | 1 |
| Stephen Frontis, S. S. | Centre, S. S. | Mount Mourne, N. C. | 15 | 3 | 21 | 118 | 5 | 6 | 50 | 24 | 16 | 9 | $5 | 11 | 450 | |
| C. Johnston, P. | Charlotte, P. | Charlotte, N. C. | 1 | 1 | 7 | 96 | | 12 | 46 | 87 | 90 | 62 | 61 | 15 | 845 | 122 |
| H. N. Pharr, P. | Concord, P. | Statesville, N. C. | 4 | 3 | 20 | 238 | 13 | 39 | | 10 | 20 | 6 | | 10 | 165 | |
| D. A. Penick, P. | Rocky River, P. | Pioneer Mills, N. C. | 8 | 1 | 148 | 571 | 3 | 31 | 200 | 59 | 69 | 121 | 26 | 15 | 554 | 34 |
| G. Morgan, Prof. | Third Creek, V. | Salisbury, N. C. | 4 | 1 | 70 | 170 | 1 | 4 | 70 | | 12 | | | | 258 | |
| A. L. Watts, P. | Steele Creek and Pleasant Hill, P. | White Hall, N. C. | 13 | 1 | 57 | 291 | 3 | 16 | 90 | 51 | 57 | | | 7 | 140 | 29 |
| D. Lindley, F. M. | Unity (Rowan co.) S. S. | Port Natal, S. Africa. | 2 | | 23 | 77 | | 4 | 50 | 6 | 6 | 6 | | 4 | 157 | |
| Thos. P. Johnston, F. M. | Joppa and Franklin, S. S. | Smyrna, Asia Minor. | | | | 155 | | | | | | | | | | |
| J. E. Morrison, P. | Concord Town, P. | Concord, N. C. | | | | 91 | | | | | | | | | | |
| J. D. Hall, S. S. | New Hope & Goshen, S. S. | Wood Lawn, N. C. | 17 | 3 | | 208 | | | | 10 | 15 | | | | | |
| S. B. O. Wilson, S. S. | Bethel, S. S. | Davidson Coll., N. C. | 5 | | 12 | 59 | | 5 | | 14 | 12 | 8 | | 3 | 159 | 10 |
| Wm. N. Morrison, W. C. | Burnsville, V., Olney, V. | Asheville, N. C. | | | | 20 | | | | | | | | | | |
| H. B. Cunningham, P. | Hopewell & Paw Creek, P. | Charlotte, N. C. | 28 | 3 | 55 | 415 | 6 | 25 | 166 | 40 | 33 | 17 | 14 | 14 | 275 | 144 |
| A. Baker, P. | Salisbury, P. | Salisbury, N. C. | 11 | 6 | 21 | 145 | 6 | 2 | 37 | 49 | 50 | 10 | 50 | 15 | 700 | 125 |
| M. T. Allen, D. M. | Asheville, Rheim's Creek, Swannanoe and Hendersonville, S. S. | Asheville, N. C. | 66 | 10 | 16 | 145 | 19 | 30 | 77 | | | | | | 483 | 12 |

| MINISTERS, &c. | CHURCHES. | POST OFFICE. | Add'd on ex. | Add'd on cer | Col'd. Com. | Total Com. | Ad'lts Bap. | Inf'ts Bap. | Fam. in Con | DoMissions. | For'gn Miss. | Education. | Publication. | Presbyterial. | Congreg'tion'l | Miscel. lane'us |
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| E. F. Rockwell, Prof. | Shiloh, S. S. | Davidson, Coll., N. C. | 1 | | | 43 | | 3 | | | | | | | 72 | |
| J. E. McPherson, S. S. | Prospect, S. S. | Deep Well, N. C. | 22 | 2 | 37 | 236 | 7 | 32 | 79 | | | | | 10 | | |
| W. W. Pharr, P. | Poplar Tent and Bethpage, P. | Oak Lawn, N. C. | 12 | 10 | 55 | 335 | 2 | 20 | 150 | 29 | 27 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 650 | 30 |
| T. N. Paxton, S. S. | Marion, Siloam and Drusilla, S. S. | Marion, N. C. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 63 | | 3 | 35 | 11 | 21 | 14 | 14 | 3 | 236 | 18 |
| W. C. Sutton, S, S. | Lebanon, S. S. | Morven, N. C. | | 2 | | 38 | | 3 | | 5 | | | | 2 | | |
| Geo. M. Gibbes, | Monroe, V., Lenoir, V. | | | | | 14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| T. E. Davis, S. S. | Rutherfordton and Little Britain, S. S. | Rutherfordton, N. C. | | | | 125 | | | | | | | | | | |
| R. N. Davis, S. S. | Lincolnton, Dallas and Long Creek, S. S. | Lincolnton, N. C. | 7 | 4 | 3 | 117 | | 6 | 55 | 2 | | 15 | | 6 | 475 | 50 |
| R. H. Lafferty, P. | Sugar Creek, P. | Charlotte, N. C. | 12 | 4 | 50 | 236 | 5 | 18 | 96 | 16 | 83 | | | 10 | 400 | 16 |
| S. C. Pharr, P. | Providence & Sharon, P. | Charlotte, N. C. | 7 | 6 | 45 | 249 | 3 | 15 | 85 | 32 | 59 | | | 12 | 500 | |
| P. H. Dalton, P. | Fourth Creek and Bethesda, P. | Statesville, N. C. | 9 | 7 | 10 | 95 | 3 | 8 | 39 | 39 | 31 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 945 | 41 |
| P. T. Penick, P | Philad'a & Bethlehem, P. | Pioneer Mills, N. C. | 15 | | 56 | 418 | 6 | 17 | 125 | 13 | 6 | | 12 | 12 | 566 | 8 |
| B. L. Beall, S. S. | Salem & Wilkesboro, S.S. | Taylorsville, N. C. | | 5 | 1 | 86 | | 1 | 39 | 38 | 45 | 26 | | | 282 | |
| Wm. C. Sheetz, P.—32. | Morganton, P. | Morganton, N. C. | 6 | 1 | | 65 | 4 | 3 | 45 | 40 | 21 | 5 | 5 | 28 | 500 | 33 |
| *Licentiates*—4. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T. W. Erwin, | Fifth Creek, V., and Duncan's Creek, V. | | | | | 38 | | | | | | | | | | |
| W. S. Moore, | Ebenezer & Hiwassee, S.S | Shooting Creek, N.C. | 1 | 3 | 5 | 72 | | 3 | | 9 | 2 | 10 | 1 | | 293 | 5 |
| J. S. Barr, | Bethany and Tabor, | | | 2 | 26 | 139 | | 4 | 16 | | | | | | 300 | |
| Robert Agnew, | Thyatira and Back Creek, S. S. 61. | Miranda, N. C. | 26 | 6 | 71 | 241 | 2 | 19 | | 35 | 35 | | | | | |
| *Candidates.*—3. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Total, | 303 | 94 | 838 | 5796 | 92 | 349 | 1661 | $725 | $848 | $350 | $211 | 235 | 9683 | $782 |

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R. H. LAFFERTY, *Stated Clerk.*